

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/781,879

Examiner

Tu-Tu Ho

Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed 07/22/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,10-12,20 and 21.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 20 February 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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Tu-Tu Ho August 02, 2005

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's Amendment filed 07/22/2005 has been reviewed and placed of record in the file.

Examiner's Amendment ✓

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

3. - Claim 11, line 8, "a first conductivity type" has been changed to:

"said first conductivity type".

- Claim 11, line 12, "a second conductivity type" has been changed to:

"said second conductivity type".

- Claim 11, line 14, "said second region;" has been changed to:

"said second region; and".

- Claim 11, line 20, "a contact window; and a metal layer" has been changed to:

**"a contact window; and
a metal layer".**

Allowable Subject Matter

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4. Claims 1-2, 10-12, and 20-21 are allowable over the prior art of record.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record fails to teach or render obvious a diode and a method of fabricating thereof with all exclusive limitations as recited in claims 1 and 11, comprising a semiconductor layer including a first region, a second region, a third region, a fourth region, and a fifth region; an insulator disposed on the semiconductor layer; and a metal layer disposed on the insulator layer; the metal layer filling up a contact window formed in the insulator layer and contacting a portion of an upper surface of the semiconductor layer; the third region being adjacent to the first region and located between the first and the second regions; the fourth region being adjacent to the second region and located between the third and the second regions; the fifth region being located between the third and the fourth regions; the first, third, and fifth regions having respective carrier concentrations of a first conductivity type, with the carrier concentration of the first region being larger than that of the third region, and the carrier concentration of the third region being larger than that of the fifth region; and the second and fourth regions having respective carrier concentrations of a second conductivity type, with the carrier concentration of the second region being larger than that of the fourth region.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tu-Tu Ho whose telephone number is (571) 272-1778. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 am - 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, DAVID NELMS can be reached on (571) 272-1787. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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Tu-Tu Ho
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